TENNESSEE STATE BOARD OF EQUALIZATION BEFORE THE ADMINISTRATIVE JUDGE

| IN RE: | Mills Coach Service Corporation |) | PUBLIC UTILITY APPEAL |
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| | Tax Year 2014 |) | |

INITIAL DECISION AND ORDER

Statement of the Case

The subject property is presently assessed at \$15,000 for tax year 2014. The taxpayer timely filed exceptions to the assessment with the Tennessee Comptroller of the Treasury and the State Board of Equalization ("State Board"). The undersigned administrative judge conducted the hearing on February 26, 2016 in Nashville. James Mills, Lowell Robinson, and John Sharpe, Esq. participated.

FINDINGS OF FACT AND CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

The taxpayer is a motor bus company assessable by the Office of State Assessed Properties ("OSAP"). Based on the information available at the time, the assessment was calculated under the assumption that the taxpayer had three vehicles on the January 1, 2014 assessment date.

During the hearing, the taxpayer requested that the assessment be reduced on account of the facts that the taxpayer only had one vehicle on the January 1, 2014 assessment date and that the final vehicle was sold in mid-June 2014. OSAP's position was that the assessment should be affirmed.

Upon review of the record, the administrative judge finds insufficient evidence to recommend a reduction of the assessment. The value and relative in-state and out-of-state mileages suggested by the taxpayer's testimony do not indicate that the subject property was over-valued or over-assessed. Nor is the administrative judge aware of any authority to support

pro-ration of the assessment based on the mid-tax year disposition of the remaining vehicle.

ORDER

It is therefore ORDERED that the assessment is upheld.

Pursuant to the Uniform Administrative Procedures Act, Tenn. Code Ann. §§ 4-5-301—325, Tenn. Code Ann. § 67-5-1501, and the Rules of Contested Case Procedure of the State Board of Equalization, the parties are advised of the following remedies:

- 1. A party may appeal this decision and order to the Assessment Appeals Commission pursuant to Tenn. Code Ann. § 67-5-1501 and Rule 0600-1-.12 of the Contested Case Procedures of the State Board of Equalization. Tennessee Code Annotated § 67-5-1501(c) provides that an appeal "must be filed within thirty (30) days from the date the initial decision is sent." Rule 0600-1-.12 of the Contested Case Procedures of the State Board of Equalization provides that the appeal be filed with the Executive Secretary of the State Board and that the appeal "identify the allegedly erroneous finding(s) of fact and/or conclusion(s) of law in the initial order"; or
- 2. A party may petition for reconsideration of this decision and order pursuant to Tenn. Code Ann. § 4-5-317 within fifteen (15) days of the entry of the order. The petition for reconsideration must state the specific grounds upon which relief is requested. The filing of a petition for reconsideration is not a prerequisite for seeking administrative or judicial review.

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The result of this appeal is final only after the time expires for further administrative review, usually seventy-five (75) days after entry of the Initial Decision and Order if no party has appealed.

ENTERED this _____ day of March 2016.

Mark Aaron, Administrative Judge Tennessee Department of State Administrative Procedures Division William R. Snodgrass, TN Tower 312 Rosa L. Parks Avenue, 8th Floor Nashville, Tennessee 37243

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

The undersigned hereby certifies that a true and exact copy of the foregoing Order has been mailed or otherwise transmitted to:

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This the day of March 2016.

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